

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1368
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2001
DUTIES PAID BY SOFTWARE COMPANIES
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total income-tax, excise duty and customs duty paid by each of the leading Software Companies i.e. Penta Soft, Satyam, H.C.L., NIIT and Wipro during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;
- (b) whether any case of customs duty evasion by any of the above companies has been detected;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action already taken/proposed to be taken for evasion of tax by those companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The figures of total income-tax paid by these companies during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (till date) are as follows :-

Name of the Company	Rs. in Crore
Penta Soft	04.16
Satyam	30.37
NIIT HCL Infosystems	11.00
HCL Technologies	07.75
NIIT	36.28
Wipro	60.73

Information relating to customs duty paid by these companies, is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b), (c) & (d) Two cases of evasion of Customs Duty have been detected against the following Software Companies during the year 1999-2000, the details of which are as follows:-

Name of the Company	Duty evaded (Rs. in lakh)	Action taken
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M/s Wipro Acer, Ltd., Bangalore	19.23	Case adjudicated, and the party paid the differential duty and the penalty of Rs.18.50 lakhs
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M/s Wipro Ltd., Bangalore	Rs. 73.94	Show Cause Notice Issued.
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